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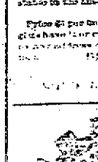

The Bassett Claim.

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CHAPTER XXIII.
A FAINT HEART.

"I thought of Mc Ardle," suggested Windward.

As soon as his labors were over for the evening Stevens rushed back to the house and sought out his friend, whom he interrogated "at once as to the state of the case. Windward was able to tell him that nothing was irrevocable, but that he had had a talk with his mother, and he found that Floy had given a decided no also. The situation was not insensible to the many kind and significant attentions of the Colonel.

Mr. Bassett, however, was not so complaisant. She liked Mr. Quire well enough, and for some people's ideas of such things she was not insensible to the rare merits of Mr. Quire's antecedents, family character, circumstances, etc., that she was disposed to stand on the defensive till he could establish his pretensions. The Lieutenant meanwhile had contented himself with making love with looks and actions. No words had passed between them, and if he were to speak now he would be obliged, so the mother said and felt, to be satisfied with a passive answer and bide his time.

"In short," said Windward, "I am pretty certain that Floy is not in love with Quire. She feels that he loves her, and the idea does not displease her. I suppose she is thinking it over, and," he added with a smile, "I hope she is thinking it over too."

"Well, I am glad it is no worse," said Stevens, with a very serious face.

"You can depend upon it," continued Windward, "that I told mother some things we both know about Quire that won't help him. I propose Floy shall take him with her eyes open if at all."

Stevens thought this policy very just and brotherly.

"I should tell you," Windward went on, "that we have found an ally, and I believe a very useful one, in an unexpected quarter."

"How so?" cried Stevens, eager for any straw.

"Why, in Miss Sophia," said Windward. "You see, the lieutenant has been flirting with her a little, and, between us, I think the table gossip has some foundation that she would like to get him—at least she may have felt so at one time. But now the gay rover has spread his sail and ran away, naturally she don't like it, and no more do I. Sophia is a fine woman, and Quire has acted shabbily. He might better take her and call himself lucky, and get out of our way at the same time. Well, so I say, she doesn't like it, and she is not above spoiling his new game. And all happens, she knows a good deal about him." Here Windward burst suddenly into such a merry peal of laughter that Stevens had to laugh, too, in the midst of his misery, for very sympathy.

"What's the matter now?" he asked.

"Oh, she made the funniest mistake last night," Windward explained. "She told me, when I was talking with her this evening, that I ought to know that after I went up to bed last night the lieutenant and Floy stayed behind and whispered and kissed in the parlor!" Here Windward broke out laughing again, but this time Stevens did not join him, whereupon Windward laughed all the harder.

"Evidently, Stevens," he exclaimed, "you agree with Miss Sophia, that it was no laughing matter."

"I may say I don't see the joke," said Stevens sternly.

"Well, the joke is," said Windward, "that Miss Sophia got those kisses a little confused, being midway and on the other side of folding doors. It was Quire who went up stairs and Floy and I who tarried in the parlor."

At this Stevens did indulge himself in a smile; but he grew serious again directly, and said it was very fortunate the error had been discovered and rectified thus early and before it had made mischief.

"Of course I was very glad to set things right," said Windward. "And Sophia, I could see, was relieved too, though, at her own loss in gossip. I'm glad to know the truth," she said, 'for your sister's sake. As for Quire, it's no like him that I took it for granted.' At this I couldn't resist the temptation, Peter, to tender her a little. 'Ah, so like him!' I said demurely. 'Yes,' she retorted with a toss. 'He's always up to such tricks!' and then she saw where she was, and began to blush and fan, denying and protesting and laughing in spite of herself. Well, after that was finally explained away she went on telling other tales about Quire, which I must say didn't increase my fondness for him. 'He's a regular profligate,' she declared, and I guess she is about right."

"Now," continued Windward, "mother and Sophia like each other very much. Said mother to-night, 'She is the most sensible woman I've met here,' and it's a pretty good test where ladies get along so nicely as they do in the same house. I have heard that one roof is too few for two women. Well, as matters stand, you see Sophia will have a great deal of influence just now. Mother said after my talk that she would speak with Sophia on the subject at once. Whew! Won't the lieutenant catch it if she does!" And even Peter had to laugh at the picture Windward drew of Lieut. Quire on the dissecting board under the knife of Miss Sophia as demonstrator.

"She has already suggested one scheme of great value," continued Windward. "It shows her woman's wit. She told me that some weeks ago the lieutenant applied for orders to the Asiatic station, and at one time he worked very hard to get them. He hasn't tried so hard lately," said Miss Sophia, 'but I hope all the same he will succeed,' and if you have any influence you might help him along.' So kind of her, you see, Peter!"

"As you say, Windward," replied Stevens, too much in earnest to relish or even notice the sarcasm, "this is very important. Couldn't we get some information at once as to that direction?"

"I thought of McArdle," suggested Windward.

"The very man," said Stevens. "Can him to-morrow by all means."

"I might have to tell him something of the situation," remarked Windward.

"Tell him anything that is necessary," said Stevens desperately. "Tell anybody anything that is necessary."

"Well, I will see him to-morrow," promised Windward.

"I don't see as we can do anything more just now," said Stevens after a pause. "It's getting late. There's one thing, Windward—I don't want to be prying or cowardly, but I'm very anxious, of course—can I know at all how they feel toward me? Now, don't say a word you shouldn't. I'm ashamed to ask, but I do want to know so much!"

"I can say this much certainly," answered Windward, smiling kindly, "that your stock has risen greatly in the past few days. Women like mystery, and your sudden intimacy with the 'Old Man' is mysterious enough to suit anybody. It piques them, and invests you with a romantic interest. The ladies talk about you a great deal, and always pleasantly and favorably; and the lieutenant is worried, which is a good sign. Miss Sophia is fairly awe-stricken, and has already mapped out for you a great career. You'd better be polite to Sophia; she's a good girl to begin with, and a great admirer now of you, and Floy likes her almost as much as mother."

"I see," said Peter. "Well, I do like her, and, as you say, she can be very useful just now. And to-morrow you'll see the colonel?"

"The first thing," said Windward.

"Well, good night," said Stevens wearily.

"Good night, Peter," replied Windward. "Don't worry; I guess it will come out all right."

"I hope so," he answered hopelessly.

CHAPTER XXIV.
FIVE TO ONE.

"Who is 'we?'" inquired Louise.

In the morning Windward decided, upon reflection, to open the new love trouble to Miss Sheffield first, and seek her counsel before speaking to McArdle. He accordingly made his call very early in the afternoon, so as to find time for a talk before they went to the agency. She met him with a friendly smile and showed him a choice bouquet and a basket of dainties which were to be his burden on their walk to the invalid's bedside.

"But you will have lunch with us first," she said. "I am waiting for another now."

"I don't mind," replied Windward, "though I've had mine. But before the colonel comes I want to say that I've got into another love affair."

"Why, you are enterprising," laughed Miss Sheffield. "Do tell me about it."

"This time it is my sister Florence," exclaimed Windward. "You see, Floy is young yet and romantic, and there's a naval officer at our boarding house dangling after her, and I'm afraid she likes him—and we don't."

"Who is 'we?'" inquired Louise.

"Mother and I, and my friend Stevens, who loves Floy, too, and he's a splendid man, and I want him to have her."

"Ah, yes," said Louise, much interested. "Quite a powerful 'we.' I think I ought to take Miss Bassett's part to make it even."

"No, indeed," said Windward. "We don't want it 'evened.' We want reinforcements, and all we can get. I want not only you, but the colonel, too."

"Why, really, that would be unfair"——

"I don't care," insisted Windward. "There's nothing unfair in love, you know."

"I don't know anything of the sort," Louise replied. "Well, the colonel is great in love matters; but why do you want him?"

"To get Quire ordered away!"

Louise played a moment with her bunch of flowers. "Poor Quire!" she exclaimed. "Tell me, do you suppose they love each other?"

"No," said Windward stoutly, "not much;" and he added, with a grimace, "they will get over it in a week, you know, anyway."

Louise smiled, but rather sadly. Her woman's sympathies were with the sailor and his lass. "Well," she said, with a shrug, "I'll see about it. Here is the colonel now. Fortune delivers the lieutenant into your hands. Uncle, Mr. Bassett is here, with more love trouble."

"Ah, Mr. Bassett," said McArdle. "Louise told me of your experience with Clara Willis. I regret it, but after all you don't want to marry a rose leaf. Clara is a pretty girl; she has lovely hair, the glory of woman, and while that is fine the capillary attraction is very powerful, I admit. And then there was a crazy aunt, so that there is enough insanity in the blood to make the children bright and original."

"She certainly is that," said Windward resolutely.

"Oh! yes," McArdle went on, leading the way to the dining room, "and not a bad girl, either, though she likes to make venturesome excursions. But like the prudent mariners of old she takes care not to get out of sight of land, and knows when to hurry back. She's a flirt, but that isn't her fault. She was born so. Her mother was before her, and is yet, I believe, Louise, you have accused her of setting her cap for me." And the widow Willis is certainly comely. I often so preach her in her bump of destructiveness. 'Oh, no,' she said once, 'I never broke many hearts'—this with a gesture and toss of the head designed to gracefully give the lie to her words—'though I do remember one poor fellow went away sorrowful and died the next year, though I suppose that would have happened anyhow, for he came to his death by being run over by the cars, which might have resulted, to be sure, from absent mindedness.' Yes, I like Clara; but she caught on napping, I confess, this time, and, as Dr. Ollapod says, 'I owe you one.'"

"Very well," said Windward, "I'll give you a chance to pay up instantly, as you will see. I have a particular friend, Mr. Stevens, of whom you have heard me speak. He is very much in love with my sister; but I suspect she favors a young naval officer, who also boards at our table, who is in love with her, too, but the rest of us don't want him. Now he applied some time ago to be ordered to the Asiatic station, and we now want to make sure that he will get his orders, and I thought you could help."

"I congratulate your landlady," said the colonel gravely. "It must be profitable to keep a boarding house for lovers. I see you are not eating anything now."

"Oh, I have just come from lunch," exclaimed Windward. "Mrs. Ex doesn't make anything out of me. My appetite is yet sound, I am glad to say."

"And I to hear," replied the colonel. "So long as the malady of love is pericardiac, with tears, dreams, untidiness, etc., as the symptoms, it is comparatively harmless, and the patient's friends need fear no serious consequences. But when the disorder attacks the stomach, when love reaches the dyspeptic stage, then it has ceased to be a laughing matter. But as to the present case—why should I interfere?"

"That is what I want to know," added Louise.

"I hold you to your debt," said Windward, grimly.

"You force me to quote the poet Gay's lines on flirts," replied McArdle:

"Pleased to rule
Others' wish',
Never happy in your own."

"No," insisted Windward, "that isn't it. We are only exchanging an undesirable lover for a better one."

"That is for love, not friendship, to decide," answered the colonel. "He may be an ideal friend, and in love's eyes be as uninteresting as the scenery between here and New York—gently undulating and very tedious."

"No, sir, that doesn't describe Stevens," exclaimed Windward. "Not at all. And then the lieutenant is a naval officer, and I don't like military people. As Stevens says, they are professional homicides."

"Oh, does he!" retorted the colonel. "Well they are certainly lady killers," and then dropping his lighter manner he added severely: "Your friend is right; they are, but till the world grows more civilized we've got to tolerate them, and they are, after all, about as good as other people. They are narrow in their ideas, infernal gossips, and death on pay; yes, for uncommercial people, they certainly are death on pay, but I like them well enough, only I think they ought to marry, like actors, in their own set. Then the ladies know what to expect, and how to talk the service slang, and how to act, and for that reason I'll come between lovers. Your sister wouldn't like to be wife and widow at once; she hasn't been brought up with that idea."

"I don't know but you are right," said Louise regretfully.

"And I'll go right over to the bureau of navigation and see Commodore Walker about the detail," said the colonel, rising from the table.

"You are very kind," Windward. "I don't want you to [illegible] yourself out."

"Oh, there is no time to waste in these matters," he replied, "especially when you are dealing with a sailor lover. I knew a man once who agreed to get up a programme for an evening's frolic at a neighbor's. So he sat down after tea to devise plans, and he grew so absorbed in his plans, which were very fine ones, that when at last they were done, and he looked at his watch, he found to his horror that the evening was over, and the company dispersed in dudgeon."

"That was sad!" laughed Windward.

"You are going our way we will start together, for I told Miss Sheffield yesterday of our invalid friend at the agency, and she wished to see him and help him along."

"I see," said McArdle, looking from Windward to the parcels and from them to Louise, where his eyes rested for a moment, fondly and softly. "I understand. It's an old story, Mr. Bassett. I gave Louise up long ago as hopelessly benevolent."

"Not a bad disease," observed Windward.

"No, only a rare one," replied McArdle.

"I am thinking, colonel," said Windward, as they now departed together, of letting Miss Sheffield be my substitute. I wanted to talk about that, but the other matter drove it out of my head. I have almost decided to leave Washington and let the claims go on as they have, and probably will, anyway. They are in good hands, and I doubt if I shall be of any service if I stay; or, if necessary, I can run down from New York from time to time."

"On that we will talk further," said the colonel. "I will branch off here. My regards to our friend. You will be interested in him, Louise." And with this he left them to seek the agency while he looked up his old friend Capt. Walker, chief of the bureau of navigation.

"Ah, good day, McArdle!" said the officer, who was found at his desk. "What can I do for you?"

"I am interested in Mr. Quire's case," McArdle explained. "I believe he wishes to be ordered to the Asiatic station."

"I know it," said the officer of detail, crossing his legs and looking vexed. He hated to disoblige the colonel, but this was asking a good deal. "You see, colonel, there are so many applications for this duty. Besides, I understand he doesn't press it now."

"I shouldn't wonder," replied McArdle with his usual composure. "That is why we do."

"Why so?" asked the mystified chief of bureau.

"There's a woman in it," observed McArdle. "He is after a young girl, and she family don't like it."

"That's the third this week!" growled the chief. "One would think this bureau was a matrimonial agency. Well, what's the matter with Mr. Quire? He's a good fellow and a good officer."

"Oh, yes," McArdle replied instantly. "I have nothing against Mr. Quire; I don't know as they have; only it will result, I see, in a family row, and there is no use in a man going out to sea in a gale unless with an object; and now, between us, it isn't worth it. They are nice and well to do people—that is, the mother has some little money, I hear, but I understand she enjoys good health and comes of long lived stock. The children haven't any money, and you know the difference, commodore, between a wealthy girl and the daughter of wealthy parents. There is where so many young men make their mistake, and only find, out after marriage that they are tied to a pauper, who is accustomed to carriages, silks and foreign travel."

"True," observed the officer.

"Not that they are so very wealthy," continued the colonel. "I believe they are comfortably well of, but Mr. Quire would have to pay his wife's bills for twenty years out of a lieutenant's pay."

The chief nodded reflectively. The colonel saw he had gotten the gauge and range, and now let fly the bolt.

"I imagine," he observed, "that they rely a good deal for the future on an old claim they are trying to get through congress. They are, all hands of them, down here pressing it—one of the French spoliation claims, you know."

"French claims, hey? Humph! Yes, I know! That's enough." The officer as he spoke reached over impatiently and touched a button on his desk that gave out a tingling ring. Hear it not, Quire, for it is a knell that summons thee to China!

A messenger appeared. "Tell arrange that matter, colonel, as you wish," said the chief of the bureau, and then gave the messenger an order which set the machinery in motion.

"I am obliged to you, commodore," said McArdle. "I think it will prove a wise arrangement all around."

"Very likely," said the chief, bowing and smiling his visitor out.

"I hope it will," meditated the colonel as he trod slowly and heavily through the corridors of the department and out into the wintry air. "Pardon me, Cupid; I trust I haven't made trouble by this day's business!"

As Louise said, "Poor Quire!" His foes were ambushed, and even had the fight been fair and open the odds were hopelessly against him.

CHAPTER XXV.
THE LOUISE CLAIM.

Then darkness blotted out the world.

Windward and his companion found the invalid counsel deep in the archives of the agency. His assistant was also at hand and busy among the papers, and an air of life and stir pervaded the rooms.

"Good day," exclaimed Windward as they entered. "I took the liberty of bringing a lady friend with me today who wished to make your acquaintance."

"Delighted," said the invalid, rising and bowing with courtly grace. "Very kind!"

Introductions followed, upon which Louise offered her flowers and dainties with a tact and delicacy of expression that added beauty to the gift.

"You look busy," said Windward.

"Yes. Reading 'em over. Brushing 'em up. Never say die!"

Louise smiled her approval of such good pluck. "It must be tedious," she said.

"No, miss," the agent replied. "Very interesting. Queer people, claimants. Hopeful. Fretful. Can't spell!" and he handed her one or two of the neatly tied packages to examine. She, however, was more interested in the man than in the documents.

"You are comfortable, I hope," she said, seating herself by the side of the lounge where—after an excuse for his infirmity—the agent was now again reclining, holding the flowers in his serviceable hand.

Her tone of sympathy and ministration suggested to Windward that possibly she might prefer to speak a few words of help and kindness without an audience; hence he excused himself for a moment and passed through the opened folding doors to the rear office, where the assistant was dusting the pigeon holes and rearranging the papers.

"He is going through them systematically," remarked the assistant. "He has got to C. It's tedious, though. Look at this package—one claim. There are twenty or thirty letters in that single bundle."

"I know," said Windward, "I've done a little searching myself." Then he picked up a package at random and turned over its letters while the assistant brushed and slapped and sorted the dusty files.

Meanwhile a conversation of great consequence had begun in the front room.

"Miss Sheffield—Sheffield? McArdle's niece?" said the agent. "That's familiar somehow. I've heard—read something."

"You know my uncle, I believe," she replied; "and I've no doubt you remember dear old Tom Bassett."

"Oh, yes, yes," exclaimed the agent, brightening up and looking at his visitor with much interest. "You're the girl—lady, I should say. All grow! Yes! yes! You the little claimant! Quite romantic! Adopted! Very interesting!"

"Sir?" exclaimed Louise, puzzled and doubtful if she had understood aright his muffled and broken phrases.

"Ah, can't talk!" exclaimed the invalid sadly. "Adopted! Sheffields—rind people!"

By a supreme effort she repressed her surprise and alarm. What was the misunderstanding? What could he mean? Windward's stumbling reference and awkward explanation flashed back upon her mind. She's claimant? "The Sheffields—kind people." "Adopted." These were strange, startling words. Was it possible? Of course not; but she would, she must, ascertain what this strange man meant. And she would be calm. Any exhibition of wonder, ignorance, or agitation might seal his lips.

Fortunately for her purpose, the invalid, though he noticed her confusion, attributed it to embarrassment springing from an inability to understand him.

"Ah, can't talk!" he repeated regretfully. "Excuse me; I'll write," saying which he laid down the bouquet and reached for his tablet. Then propping himself up on the lounge, he scribbled rapidly a moment, while Louise, sick and weak with mysterious fears, took the bouquet hastily and buried her face in the flowers to gain support from their pungent odors.

With a smile of interest and curiosity he now paused and handed her the tablet. He had written upon it the following:

"I suppose you are Mrs. Sheffield's adopted daughter. I've just been reading about it in Tom Bassett's correspondence with Mr. Canetan, my predecessor. Very interesting!

She gave a little smothered cry, her cheeks faded, her breath came quick and unsteadily, she grew dizzy, the walls spun around, she heard the invalid shout for help; then darkness blotted out the world. When she awoke she found Windward at her side, the agent bending over her and the assistant bringing water and spirits from the sideboard.

"Excuse me," she gasped, her pride reviving with her self control, "I am faint," and she tried to smile, but she saw the tablet was in Windward's hand. He was looking at it very kindly, but very soberly, and in his large, pathetic eyes—the soft, blue eyes of old Tom Bassett—she read the truth of her life. Her flushed cheeks paled again, and she grew weak and dizzy.

"Whisky!" cried the invalid, pressing a glass to her lips. "Sorry, very sorry! Awkward! Never mind! All the same! Up stairs! Rest awhile? Nancy! Up stairs. Too bad! Fool! Fool!" and he turned his face to the wall with a groan, while Louise let herself be raised and assisted to a bedroom and stretched on a sofa.

"Shall I go?" asked Windward, not wishing to intrude, but anxious for her welfare.

"No, no," she said faintly. "Sit down. Tell me everything."

"In a moment," he said. "You are weak"——

"Now!" she exclaimed.

"I don't know much

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The Republican party has made output two cents a pound cheaper since April 1 and the Democratic party has never yet made anything cheaper except the wages of laborers. —*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

As Mr Cleveland and Governor Hill appear to hold different views regarding the claim of Major McKinley may seem a fatal obstacle between them to settle the question of Democracy. *Indianapolis Journal*

Other industries in industry here and the American genius for invention will no doubt in the end of production that even the poorly paid labor of Europe can not compete with our products —*Detroit Tribune*

Let us all own it. We have reason to be specially and greatly satisfied with the appearance before the world to-day of our two chief officers the President and his Secretary of State *Philadelphia Ledger*

There were 150 000 voters in New York State who registered and failed to vote at the last election This is one reason why Gov Hill is a sort of Rip Van Winkle in New York Republicans may at home too much *Chicago Inter Ocean*.

The sub-committee on appropriations which visited the Memorial Home at Brookville recently, will recommend the full sum asked for, $14,000, and it will very likely go through that way. They evidently know a good thing when they see it

In this State indeed for some days we see the St Paul Pioneer Press that the silvered pig who holds two great offices in New York and is scheming for a second one is to busy rooting just now to stop and grunt What he is supposed to admit there may be father animals in the pen there are none more industrious.

The proposition to make a Congressional district of McKean, Potter, Cameron, Elk, Clarion and Jefferson Counties ought to be fought to the bitter end by Senator Parker and Representatives Sandrick and Griffith. We could stand Elk but to load us down with Clarion besides is surfeiting us with good things.

A divorce was granted at the State Department to day to the Glen Island and Shamokin railroad company capital, $750,000. It will be fifteen or ten long from a point on the New York, Lake Erie and Western railroad, known as Shamokin station, to a point near Diagonalboro on the P & E railroad The president is B S Bailey, of Olean N Y

Anna Dickenson's lecture at the Broadway theater, New York a few evenings since indicated that she was herself a question a victim of insanity She assumed Benjamin F Butler and James S. Clarkson of writing her love letters, related details of a family jar in the White House and accused the Republican party of Dishonesty and a number of how in an asylum.

The *Boston Traveler* says: Whatever may be the faults of ex President Grover Cleveland, and they are numerous enough as everybody knows, he has nevertheless been given the credit of having the courage of his convictions He can have this credit no longer He is a political, a cast donkey, a Bourbon opponent who saw fallow. The exhibition has got the better of his discretion Cowardising is now a word in Presidential nomination.

It is who have my correct acquaintance with the internal affairs of the Administration know that Mr Harrison not only affects the best of the Cabinet cabin, but is inferior to some number in knowledge of affairs the dignity or in the originality of his suggestions This person story is becoming more apparent to the country on his present tour of the continent because he is speaking for himself and not through any of the Department secretaries. —*Rochester Herald (Ind)*

A Columbus, Ohio, dispatch to the New York Times (May Dem.), says that the Democratic fight against Governor Campbell's renomination is bitter. The members of the Cincinnati delegation are the most open in their opposition, and they say that with as what those of Campbell, Hamilton county would give for the Republican ticket a majority ranging from 5,000 to 15,000 One of the most prominent Democrats in Cleveland predicts the election of McKinley by 40,000 in the event Governor Campbell is again placed at the head of the Democratic ticket

We had no idea of disturbing the equanimity of the gentleman with so placid a bumper, who has had charge of the columns of our down town contemporary for the past few months, in suggesting that we were entirely justified so far that paper monopolize the columns of Mr Brown on economic questions. It is a matter of no consequence that the charge of plagiarism originated with that gentleman, or that he has asserted on different occasions and in the most emphatic manner that he would not again fill the columns of the *Democrat* with his contributions. One reason why we cannot afford to publish them is because Mr. Brown is altogether too prolific in his ideas. He requires too much space to state his propositions. Again, the theories he advances if carried to their legitimate conclusions by the government, would not only bankrupt the country but would bring about a state of chaotic affairs, particularly for the laboring people, which has unfortunately fallen well low itself or from trade legislation.

THE GREAT FIELD MARSHAL DEAD.

Count Von Moltke, the great German strategist and conqueror of Denmark, Austria and France, died very suddenly at his home in Berlin, Friday last, at 9 45 P. M., of heart failure in the 91st year of his age. The following tribute to the memory of the great Captain is from the N Y *Press*

"One of the two mighty men to whom modern Germany owns her existence has passed away. The death of Field Marshal Helmuth Von Moltke must leave the lonely giant at Friedrichsruhe lonelier than ever Together the great statesman and the great captain labored through a series of eventful years. Their exertions made reunited Germany a nation and the strongest military power in Europe, while they lifted Prussia from the position of a third rate kingdom to the fore front of Continental affairs. It is hard to say whether the Fatherland is indebted most to Bismarck or Von Moltke Neither of them could have done wrought without the other But for Bismarck and his nation building statesmanship the general who "was silent in seven languages" would never have had at his command the forces of men and material which he organized so intelligently and directed so resolutely But for Von Moltke, the man of "blood and iron" could not have carried out one after the other, the plans that altered the map of Europe Separate, the two would have been sadly hampered United, they abased Austria and exalted Prussia, humiliated France and unified Germany, tore the sword from the hand of the third Napoleon and crowned William of Prussia Emperor of Germany at Versailles.

"Von Moltke taught the world a new kind of warfare. He made war one of the exact sciences. During the long years of his tutelage as a leading officer of Prussian staff he was laboriously perfecting the scheme of conflict which he afterward executed This scheme left nothing to chance He outlined campaigns with almost perfect accuracy on the closet. It won battles before they were fought by making provision in every contingency for the concentration of overwhelming masses of troops against a weaker foe Prussia caught a brief glimpse of Von Moltke's genius in the achievements of the Holstein campaign of 1864 Then came the seven week's war with Austria in 1866 Sadowa, or Koniggratz, as the Germans called it, proved to Europe that a new master of the art of war had risen. The boldly conceived and skillfully executed plan by which three Prussian army corps converged upon the astonished, bravely fighting Austrians of Benedek and ground them into powder was instantly recognized as a masterpiece of strategy Austria, the proud ex power in Europe, lost at one stroke the headship of the German speaking races, and Prussia took her place

"Von Moltke was sixty six in the year of Koniggratz Not until four years later were his great achievements reformed The imperturbable general, as silent, as simple and direct as our own Grant, clearly foresaw the coming collision with France When the crisis arrived it found him ready. His plans ripe, his army the most thoroughly perfect fighting machine the world has ever seen, its maps traced with the routes that the troops of the Fatherland were to take in the march through the enemy's country France speedily found that the contest into which she had entered "with a light heart" went all against her French men who had sneered at the 'closet strategist' discovered that the prestige of the Napoleonic name and the energy and courage of France's poorly equipped soldiers were of little avail against the far superior intelligence that directed the disciplined German forces with such terrible exactness. It was Von Moltke, sitting silently in his closet or tent, working calmly in his maps with compass and colored pins to represent troops and armies, who controlled by his single will the movements of the Germans in the war of 1870 71 The capture of the French army and the Emperor of the French at Sedan, the capture of Metz and another army under Bazaine the capture of Paris itself, were so many steps in the path that the tacticus field marshal had marked out

"At the close of the war Germany hailed him as its Deliverer and the greatest conqueror since the first Napoleon whose injuries to the Father land he had avenged. But Von Moltke hated pomp and ostentation He loved peace and domestic quiet, and never cared for life He had done his work and he knew it He resigned to Bismarck the first place in the Reich that and the empire Von Moltke was not a man of imagination or many genius He was strictly conscientious in his devotion to duty His patriotism was like a religion With entire singleness of purpose he consecrated his life to what he believed the true interests of Germany A master of war he did not love war He regarded it, like Grant and Sherman, a grim and fearful necessity to be prosecuted relentlessly while it lasted in order to bring it to a close the sooner He could say truthfully that he will go down into history as one of the world's greatest captains."

THE STATE TREASURER NOMINATION

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Pittsburgh *Chronicle Telegraph*, in his letter of April 27th, gives the latest gossip in reference to the nomination for State Treasurer He says:

The trend of events in the Treasurership fight has for some days been toward Burdick, the plucky fighter from McKean.

The talk that Senator Quay is backing Senator Thompson is nonsense. Mr Quay is backing nobody It is admitted by those who know that Quay is not asking his friends in Philadelphia and Allegheny counties to take a hand for any candidate, and this is absolute proof of his non interference.

The speaker is not so popular with the grangers as some people say he is. He has, on the contrary, been standing in with the Philadelphia people in running the House

The oil men throughout the West are all strongly against Thompson, and against Harrison, too, while Burdick has not only the oil men, but the granges and labor people at his back.

Finley, of Washington, is also making much headway on his canvass.

IT "VIEWS WITH ALARM."

Three years ago the Cleveland Democracy was pointing out the dangers which threatened the business interests of the country from the accumulation of surplus money in the treasury of the United States.

Since that time the Harrison administration has used $250,000,000 of treasury money in purchasing bonds and wiping out the public debt has enacted a tariff law which reduces the national revenue $60,000,000 a year, and has cut down the surplus to reasonable limits by making liberal appropriations for pensions, postoffices navy, rivers and harbors and other legitimate objects for national expenditure.

And now the very Cleveland Democracy which in 1888 detected danger in the growth of a surplus, is fearful lest the surplus may be entirely wiped out.

It is evident that the principal occupation of the Democratic party is to "view with alarm."—*Albany Journal.*

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

From our own correspondent.

HARRISBURG, April 28.—On Friday next, May 1st, the Legislature will have been in session six days less than four months, but the balance sheet struck to that date will show but little accomplished that can be placed to the credit of the present session In the number of bills introduced the record is equal to preceding sessions, but a visit on Saturday last to the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth revealed the fact that up to that date twenty seven bills had been finally disposed of, twenty two of them have been approved and are now the law of the State, five have been returned to the Legislature with the Executive disapproval, and of this number only one was a Senate bill.

Of course this legislation comes high, but legislative eloquence, you know, is a luxury and the present membership is bound to make a record no matter at what cost. However, as the sun daily creeps up higher and higher and his rays get warmer and warmer and the foul air of the legislative chamber gets fouler and fouler, the zealous statesman sighs for relaxation from his legislative duties, and longs to be at home The probable date for final adjournment is sometimes referred to, but poor conclusions is gained when the labors of the present session are collated and the results shown, and then taking a look at the huge file of bills which are practically unconsidered beyond a committee report, the most of the legislators fail to see any prospect for final adjournment yet in sight. However, guesses are made and these guesses cover dates all the way beginning on May 15 and ending on June 19. When it will be is dependent upon constant and hard work, if it must come before early harvest time

Appportionment bills are ready for consideration and there is a probability of a bitter struggle, especially on the Senatorial bill, which must make some unacceptable changes in some parts of the Commonwealth to Republicans in order at the present time and of course a desperate struggle will be made to hold districts as now constituted. In the Hays bill in the House, which was presented on April 1, McKean, Potter, Cameron and Clinton counties are grouped together to make the new Senatorial district. In the Congressional bill, McKean, Potter, Cameron, Elk, Jefferson and Clarion counties are made to live in one household to make up the new 23d Congressional district All the apportionment bills will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The House, during the past week, recalled from the Senate the Brooks wholesale liquor license bill and indulged in a contest covering very nearly two days over amendments, the main purpose of which were to try and make the bill so objectionable as to insure its ultimate defeat It escaped the fate, however and though watched a little by the severe ordeal it passed through it was again passed finally and returned to the Senate The main contest was to cut on the court's discretionary powers in granting wholesale licenses and also declaring a remonstrant against granting a license guilty of perjury in case his reasons for not granting a license shall be proven unfounded The first item was agreed to so that the license may be granted in the discretion of the court, and the second item was modified so as to make a wilful false remonstrance subject to trial and conviction of perjury

Ballot reform, which in the early part of the session was much talked of, does not now seem to be talked of at all except by those who want to keep up an appearance of sincerity It is a big job to get up an acceptable bill and it has been clearly proven that the Baker bill is not the one the Republican party wants to adopt It has been side tracked for the present

The Inquisitorial Granger Tax bill was given a hearing before the finance committees of the Senate on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings of last week The more this measure is discussed the more objectionable its features become and the more the Senators are disposed to mistrust it The "Manufacturers Club" of Philadelphia and the "Henry George Single Tax" advocates were among its opponents last week and the Grange bill got some pretty hard knocks, yet the threats from the grangers that the bill must be passed and that all the votes against it would be held to an accountability in the future has occasioned many Senators to determine to give support to the measure though but few of them really have any sympathy with the proposition. Former Taggart of the House and former Editor Thomas of Mechanicsburg both smile when they are asked any questions as to the probability of the bill becoming a law They admit that it ought to be amended in some particulars but in the main they say that the bill is all right. Remonstrances, however, are beginning to come into the Senate against the bill and this may possibly have some effect on the finance committee and perhaps the "inquisitorial" features of the bill may be eliminated from this objectionable measure before it is put on its final passage in the Senate

There was quite a little scare in the Senate Chamber last week which was occasioned by the falling of a portion of the Senate ceiling to close proximity to the crystal electoliers where they are suspended through the ventilators. It is well known that some time ago an examination of the great long girders that span the Senate Chamber overhead showed that they were not in the very best of condition and that in some places the dry rot had made them almost useless as supports. The crystal pendants on the chandeliers rattle and tingle like so many bells every time a person walks over the floor on the second story rooms and the fact with the small particles of plaster that constantly fall down suggest weakness that some day might be the cause of a mishap It is useless to say that this little incident has caused the inquiry, "is it worth the while to repair the old building?" It is possible that the patch work appropriation went be continued in the repair bill but that a first step may be made towards building a new Capitol. Let us hope that a new building worthy of the Keystone State will soon occupy the site of the present old dilapidated pile. ALCROST

The Philadelphia *Record* is of the opinion that Senator Horace B. Packer, of Tioga County, has been Gen. Gobin's strongest rival for leadership in the State Senate. It says "Packer is young, handsome and talented, and has a future before him which he hoped to advance by winning fresh spurs in the Senate. But he was forced to submit to the riper judgment and more brilliant tactics of the lieutenant war-horse. The duty of laying down the law to Democrats upon political questions has fallen upon Packer's shoulders since the Republican caucus chairman Senator George Handy Smith is too kind hearted to pronounce a political opponent. In performing this duty the Tioga Senator drives directly at his object with blunt ness that is refreshing. He disdains to misuse words."

FROM FLORIDA.

The following letter from a former Smethport lady who has been spending the winter in Florida, will be read with interest.

MELBOURNE, FLA., April 6, 1891.

The Indian river a few years ago was hardly known, now it is dotted all along down as far as Lake Worth with plantations of pineapples, oranges and truck gardens. One man will clear $2,000 on beans and tomatoes alone. Beans sell at seven dollars a crate, eat quite a bushel. Cucumbers are two dollars a bushel, and scarce at that.

There has been quite a rush to Lake Worth, as high as four or five thousand people, perhaps double that number, have gone down there.

Melbourne, where I am, is about three miles from the ocean. The climate is delightful, we getting the refreshing sea breezes. The river here is a mile and three-quarters wide, the peninsula a little over a half mile. One gentleman over there has one hundred thousand pines which will fruit in June, this year, and he expects to put out seven hundred more, he expects to put out seven hundred more, he expects to put out seven hundred more,

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In the picture Dan Beard one catches in flame
A touch of song in plaid's gown every poor gem
Of man on this round has inspired his hands,
Why is it so? for he's one of the people,
And nothing respects we are living in the west.
—*Seattle Press*

Arbor Day

Blizzard rumors are rife

Now get out your lawn mowers.

Decoration day comes next week from Monday

We wish to remark that the days are growing longer and warmer

A government tax is no longer required on all tobacco and cigars.

Healthy girls seem now to be in great demand—the latter by both old and young

The Old Time *Blizzard* thinks too many people are hypnotized by the devil

Several disorderly places are observed in the usual wales about town, notably on Water street.

A ripple of excitement was caused by a lot of girls on Main street, Saturday afternoon last.

Considerable Easter has been doing in good work upon our streets, which have been much improved

A row of shade trees bordering the road would add very much to our beautiful court house grounds.

An exchange remarks "If you desire anything done go to a busy man. Men of leisure never have time for anything."

Information has received the contract for the stone work on the new Church and will commence operations at once

Coe Carlin's great and shingle mill at Limpoltam, was destroyed by fire on Friday last, entailing a loss of $3,000. No insurance

—Rev. E. Bell Nott, of Salem, will preach in the M. E. Church next Sabbath morning and evening, and Rev. M. Chandler occupies his pulpit in Salem

The last dime social of the season will be given Thursday evening May 7th in the W. C. T. U. rooms, Hackes building. All are invited. Refreshments will be served

A meeting of the school directors of McKean county will be held in Smethport on Tuesday, May 12th for the purpose of forming a Directors Association A full attendance is desired

—The young people of St Lukes Church, assisted by Smethport's best musical talent, are preparing a concert, with some new and unique features, which will be given the first week in June

—An interesting communication, describing the Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, written by one of our town women, has been received from Mrs Susan Rose strong, which will be published next week

Mr J C Hamlin, who has for some time past been making alterations in his store, this week opens up a fine display of crockery, glassware, etc., which in future will comprise a part of his stock in trade.

The favorable weather of the past few days has brought vegetation into life wonderfully, and the farmers say that grain and grass never looked better at this season of the year than they do at present.

The wire coverings have been taken off the pinnacles in the court house square Now if they would brighten them up with a fresh coat of paint, they would probably present a more attractive appearance.

We hear it remarked that rents are actually high in Smethport, caused by a lack of desirable tenements. We would suggest as a means of lowering them to join the building and loan association and build a house of your own.

—Old Brown (laughing out the strap)—"Do you know why I'm going to whip you, my son?" Little Johnny—"I guess I'm small. If I was as big as that man next door who called you a liar last night, you wouldn't put a finger on me."

—Notary Public commissions have recently been issued to Sheridan Norton, of Smethport, and F. E. Jones of Bradford by the State department. Mr Norton is being a renewal Probably Mr Hartley did not know that these gentlemen were both red-hot Republicans.

—The first fish story of the season, but one that has the merit of being vouched for by several persons, is to the effect that James Lynch while fishing at the dam near Gibbon's lower mill caught a *salmo fontinalis* which measured 14 inches in length and weighed one pound and a half.

—An ex mayor says that there is an element in the common pineapple similar to pepsine, and of such remarkable strength that the juice of a single apple will digest ten pounds of beef. It further states that the juice of the fruit is a very active solvent of the membrance named by diphtheria.

—The meanest man on record is said to live in Oswego county N. Y. He sold his son-in-law one-half of a cow, and then refused to divide the milk, maintaining that he sold only the front half. The son was also required to provide the other cow consumed, and compelled to carry water to her three times a day. Recently the cow kicked the old man, and now he is suing his son-in-law for damages.

—An impromptu serenade, in which the instruments used were old pans, circular saws and the horns, was inaugurated on Saturday night last. While it may have been fun for those engaged in it, it was simply torture for the people of the neighborhood, who were forced to listen to the horrible strains.

—We are indebted to Col A F Wilcox for a copy of the San Francisco *Daily Alta Californian* of April 23d. The genial Colonel was fortunate in the great Pacific coast the progress of the time President Harrison was welcomed to that city It was a memorable occasion and no man would enjoy it more than Col Wilcox

—One of the most important cases tried last week was the National Transit Co vs Stone and Weil the jury returning a verdict on Friday morning in favor of the defendants. It was a question of per centage that the latter had a right to retain from collections, in this case the per centage amounting to $2,000 00.

—Saturday was the head spot in the school grounds this Friday afternoon, consisting of boys and scholars, congregating with the setting out of trees, etc by the school children. Active preparations are now going on for some time and no doubt it will prove a very interesting as well as appropriate Arbor Day celebration

—We have negotiations regarding correspondents and others having matter intended for publication to Lee MINER, to send in their favors as early in the week as possible—the earlier the better While desiring to accommodate all, we can not guarantee insertion the same week when copy comes in, as it has the past few weeks, just before going to press.

—The work of grading the grounds, preparatory to beautifying the surroundings of the R B A R R building, done under the supervision of W P Welch, the genial station agent, and there is already a marked improvement Here we understand the intention of Mr Welch to have a fine lawn with flower beds, plants, etc., in front of the house not when completed it will present a very handsome appearance

—On the 16th of April the Harrisburg *Patriot* passed into the hands of D A and J C. Orr, of Chambersburg, and at once the change in the typographical appearance of the paper was very great It is no abler edited than when Hon Benj S. Myers wielded the editorial pen, but typographically it is a much handsomer sheet than formerly, and a great deal of ability is shown in every department of the paper

—C H Lyons, late the efficient civil engineer of our city has completed the survey of a railroad within ten rods square from Freeman of the Pine down Marvin creek to the forks, a distance of about four miles, for R B Hazeltine A large dam will be built at the forks and the grade at its base is forced of the level water of Marvin will rapidly become a thing of the past It is stated that an immense amount of brick will be needed this season —*Sentinel*

—Whitney's shoddy factory at Olean, loading and manufacturing materials was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning last at an early hour The building was an old frame structure dry as tinder and a strong wind blowing it was soon enveloped in flames, and all efforts to save it proved futile The loss is estimated at $10,000 on which there is an insurance of $5,500 Through the efforts of the fire department a large amount of materials and stock as well as adjacent property was saved

—Dr Mortimer Granville, of London, has added this formula for the grip to the Chicago Health department. "Dr Mortimer Granville begs physicians to try ice grains camphor in twenty minims doses ice bathes and one dram of glycerine, with syrup, frequently for half a minute. Serious heart pause is a recognized bad symptom." With the statement that all of one of the most eminent physicians of the day, and during the present age of the grip last year contributed much to the medical literature of the subject, the Chicago health officers give the formula to the public without recommendation

—An extensive forest fire has been ragging in this vicinity for the past few days, and much damage has resulted therefrom The fire commenced to the east along the B R & P R R, belonging to the Smethport Extract Co. and it is estimated that nearly 1,000 000 feet have been destroyed The loss is partially covered by insurance On Tuesday evening traffic on the B R and P had to be abandoned, owing to the burning logs along the line of road At last writing the fire is still raging, and rapidly spreading to the north A large force of men have been fighting the flames, but thus far without avail

—A Steuben county farmer who forgot a good many eggs was feeding his flock one day recently when he noticed a black spot on the back of one of his sheep with a dreggy and while he was looking at it He looked closer and was amazed to see three mice come from somewhere down in the sheep's thick coat of wool, jump to the ground and scamper away The farmer put his hand down into the wool and found three nice and cosy mice nests, each with a new born litter of young ones in it The mouse colonies were broken up Smaller ones were found in the warm fleeces of three other sheep in the flock. The sheep didn't seem to mind it.—*Ex*

—Here is a good story about the Centre county jail, which "Gossip," of the Harrisburgh *Telegraph* copies from a late issue of the Philipsburgh *Ledger* "I once something is done to render the jail a sure place of confinement it will become as much of a farce as the old jail was during the term of a certain Dutch sheriff from the lower end of Penn's Valley. It is said that he used to go out on the front porch and ring the bell at canal times for the prisoners, and used to set up at nights waiting on them to come in to go to bed. He got tired of staying up so late and one morning he called them all together in the office, and said 'Now, you vons here, you vons-a-knox the dog of me stayin' oop all night vaten on you brummers to come in to be stayed out. After dis any prisoner vat doesn't git in the jail at 9 o'clock gits locked out."

List of Letters

Remaining in the postoffice at Smethport, Pa., for the week ending April 25.

Beverling Daniel,	Parker, Mrs J A
Dix on Willie,	Ripley, Fred,
Manner William	Reed, Dr. Ruth,
Riley R E.	Thompson, Jonas.
Peterson Sven	Woodruff, John.

Persons calling for these letters, please say advertised and give date.

E. M. KEEFE, P. M.

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The building now occupied by the hardware store sold, all the goods will be disposed of at a sacrifice Money no object, only that the goods be disposed of in the shortest time Clothing, goods furnishing goods, etc., at your own prices.

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C Greenland, of Jamestown N Y, registered at the Wright house

J C Lemker and wife of Belmont City registered Smethport Wednesday

Eb Patterson and J Hopkins, of Coudersport, were in town Tuesday

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Mrs M B Greer is visiting friends in New York and New Jersey, this week.

R S Wright, the genial host of the Wright House, visited Buffalo, this week

S W Showers and wife of Mt. Jewett, were at the county seat last saturday

Stalwart Sheriff Grubb of Smethport, was in town on business, Friday.—*Farmers Mail*

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AROUND THE COUNTY.

Interesting News From Various Localities As Related by Our Regular Correspondents.

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Both posters are in great demand in Kane.

Supervisors James Roberts and Ed Gardner were in town on Tuesday, on their way to Smethport.

Jerry Zink, a former resident of West Kane, has now of Frankport, was looking around Kane on Monday

Nick Dupoy is said to be not "daughter Annie" are in Philadelphia this week.

Miss Minnie Lundrigan, of Ridgway, is visiting friends in Kane.

Burgess Orr says the responsibilities of all are equal in amount, each table.

Mr Andrew Gravis, of Olean, has arrived in Kane and is employed on the Maxwell building.

Plenty of employment for all the idle men and boys in Kane.

J J Miller and family were in Kane a few hours on Saturday.

John J Hammer inspector of lumber at the Lazy Lily mill, spent Sunday at the Kane House the guest of J A Hall.

Peter Funk is improving the looks of his place by painting it a nice clean You need a new fence Scotty

Five of our prominent citizens are on the no license side, and will be until May 12. There is no reason why they should be when Warren has ten licensed drinking places.

Barrett & Shiver have sold their wagon, carriage and blacksmith shops to Trimble & Sons, of Allegany, N Y Consideration $4,250, spot cash.

Constable Loober is very busy placarding the different saloons with legal notices, specifying where and why.

Kane has everything to make us poor mortals happy except the beautiful arbutus. After a careful tramp of the surrounding country our energetic posters have found no abundance of the plant at Loober and large parties go there daily, Sundays not excepted.

Two deer of 1,000 lbs. seen in Kane for over a week, were caught last week by Dr. Wilcox, Esq., the champion trout fisherman of this region. Squire Orr's assistance in fetching them home.

Dr Geo C. Preston has been wrestling with an attack of the grip the past few days. He is convalescent.

Wyatt Betts will, in the near future, remove his stock of hardware to the south end of Railway street.

The handsome pet painted leg of James Woods by a process known only to Jim and the pup calls it exact mechanically

The family of Mr and Mrs. Crawford, on Hemlock avenue are sorely afflicted one child, a promising boy having died and two more of their children are not expected to live All sympathize deeply with them in their bereavement.

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John Wood a man of honor honesty and uprightness, respected and esteemed by all who knew him, died of pneumonia, on Easter Sunday morning, aged about 60 years. In early life he was a Democrat, but of late years with whom he was a stanch supporter. In religion he was a liberal, liberal living in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and a common destiny for all. He was a kind husband, an indulgent father. He was the father of six children, five sons and three girls. His wife had preceded him to the spirit world five years ago. His remains were taken to Freeburgh, Warren county for interment, where his parents and many other friends of the Knapp's reside. The funeral was conducted by her pastor Rev. Leach. Among the friends from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Geo Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. L. Haney, Miss E. A. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. L. Haney, Miss Goodrich, Miss Tozer, Ralph Burdick, Will Marsing and Bert Smith.

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The news of the death of Capt Henry Rogers, brother of the editor of this paper, reached the latter by telegraph on Sunday evening last from Salida Colorado A few days before, the news was wired to friends in Warren and here that he was seriously ill but that he was improving Nothing further was heard until the announcement came that he died on Saturday afternoon at 5.30. All his request his remains were brought to Jamestown, N. Y., where they were buried yesterday, beside those of his father and mother, in Lakeview Cemetery Up to the time of the departure of his brother for Jamestown on Wednesday, no information had been received as to the disease which caused his death Its nickness must have been of short duration, for it is only a few days since that he wrote his brother in which he made no reference to being sick or that he did not feel as well as usual

Capt. Rogers was born in Jamestown in the year 1822. At the age of about 17 he entered the *Journal* printing office of that village as an apprentice and remained there two years. He then went to Dunkirk and learned telegraphy and followed that occupation for several years in the employ of the Erie R. R. Co., in Dunkirk, Hornellsville and Buffalo. When the war broke out, in 1861, he was at Tidiouta, engaged in prospecting for oil. He soon after commenced recruiting for the army, and the men he enlisted were mustered into Co. F of the old 83th regiment, he being mustered in as first lieutenant. On the resignation of his brother as captain early in 1863, he was promoted to the captaincy of the company which position he held until February 24, 1864, when he was discharged on account of illness contracted in the swamps of North Carolina. He was sent to the hospital at Annapolis where he remained for a period of nearly two years hovering between life and death. The malarial poison with which his physical organization was so thoroughly impregnated remained with him to the end. After he left the hospital, through the influence of Judge Scofield who then represented the McKean-Warren district in Congress, he received a position in the Treasury department at Washington, but owing to the confinement was finally compelled to relinquish it. Subsequently he was appointed an examiner of fraudulent claims in the Pension Department, a position which gave him out-door exercise and business in different sections of the country. He resigned this position eight years ago and went to Colorado to reside, believing that the high altitude of that country would prove beneficial to his health. He was never married and the members of his family living are two sisters, Mrs. W. D. Brown and Mrs. G. C. James, of Warren and two brothers, L. A. Rogers, of Warren, and the editor of this paper. He was a man of remarkable and was universally liked by his numerous acquaintances. His death will be sincerely mourned not only by his immediate relatives but by all his friends, and especially by his Comrades of the old 83th regiment.

RETIRED.

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The Eldred Base Ball Club, is trying to raise money for the coming season and will open with a party in the Opera House

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A part of the iron railing that adorns the roof of the bank was blown down by Tuesday's high winds.

A horse owned by Mr Isly, of Indian Creek made things lively here Tuesday morning. It became frightened while standing in front of Young's hardware store, and ran to Douglass livery barn A complete wreck was made of the buggy to which it was attached, but no other damage was done with the exceptions of the fence at the St. Linus, which was badly stove up

A dime social was held at the residence of A. Squires, Tuesday evening, for the benefit of the Women's Relief Corps. Ice cream and cake were served, and netted $6.70 which we are pleased to state more than make up the deficiency incurred in paying for the organ, recently purchased by them.

L J Rogers, from Plainfield, N Y, dropped in upon his friends here this week.

OLEAN.

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D L Brooks has purchased the grocery business of H S Roberts & Co. and taken possession.

Tom Crandall, of Little Genesee, who was for some time past been mildly insane, committed suicide Sunday evening by shooting himself through the heart.

At the last meeting of the Christian Endeavor Miss Hattie Carrier and Miss Blanche Nicholson were elected delegates to attend the State Convention of the Epworth League, to be held at Olean the first week in May.

Dr George Holley, of Olean, passed Sunday with Coles friends.

Fourth of July Excursion to Gettysburg via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The wide-spread interest which centers in the battle field of Gettysburg, has induced the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to arrange a general excursion to that point from all principal stations on its system on July 3d and 4th next. Not only the fact that that day is a national holiday renders the date appropriate but it is at the same time the twenty eighth anniversary of the great battle Independence Day is also a favorite date for the visit of veterans to the field, and there are always ceremonies of interest to civilians as well as soldiers.

On this occasion excursion tickets will be sold from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania System on July 3d and 4th, valid for return until July 6th. The rates which will prevail are exceedingly low Round trip tickets will be sold from New York at $8 Philadelphia at $6, Washington at $8 Canandaigua $7.50 Pittsburg $7.50, and proportionately low figures from other stations.

The regular train service will be available in most cases, but special service may also be provided, due notice of which will be published later

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In one which is guaranteed to bring you satisfactory results, or in case of failure a return of purchase price. On this safe plan you can buy from our advertised Druggist a bottle of Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption It is guaranteed to bring relief in every case, when used for any affection of Throat, Lungs or Chest, such as Consumption, Inflammation of Lungs, Bronchitis, Asthma, Whooping Cough, Croup, etc. It is pleasant and agreeable to taste, perfectly safe, and can always be depended upon. Trial bottle free at F. E. Foster's Drug Store.

They All Failed.

The following letter from Mr. W. A. Thomson, of Columbus, Wis., is peculiarly interesting: "My wife" says he, has been troubled for her head, stomach and nervous prostration, by three doctors in New York, two in Chicago, one in Philadelphia, one in Cincinnati and at the large institute in Buffalo for 16 months. They all failed. But one bottle of Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine helped her wonderfully." This should be used in all headaches, backache, change of life, nervous disturbances, dizziness, rheumatism, etc Ask at A B Armstrong's drug store for a free trial bottle and Dr Miles new book on the Heart and Nerves

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Deserts and seas remote. And passing by
Hovel and mart and palace, soon or late
I knock unbidden once at every gate
If sleeping wake if feasting rise before
I turn away. It is the hour of fate,
And those who follow me reach every state
Mortals desire and conquer every foe
Save death but those who doubt or hesitate,
Condemned to failure, penury and woe,
Seek me in vain, and uselessly implore
I answer not, and I return no more.

But fail not in this respect
Seize every opportunity to travel
Over the Chicago, Milwaukee & St Paul R R.

Notice.

The board of directors of Hamlin Twp., Pa., will receive bids for building a four room school house at Mt. Jewett, Pa. Plans and specifications can be seen for 20 days after April 20 at Mr M. J Gallup's store, Mt. Jewett, or at the office of E T and W S. Bricknell, Architects, Union St., Olean, N Y. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids to be sent to

W. H. NEAL, Secretary.
Gaffey, McKean county, Pa.

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A Fortunate Woman.

Mrs. Mary I. Baker, of Owd, Mich., has reason to be very thankful. She was a great sufferer from heart disease for years. Was short of breath, had hungry spells, pain in the side, flattering faintness, etc After taking two bottles of Dr Miles' New Heart Cure, she says, 'I am better than for twenty years. My mind and eyesight have improved wonderfully. I advised all persons thus afflicted to use this great remedy." A. B Armstrong druggist, recommends and guarantees it. Dr. Miles, unwinds and guarantees it. Dr. Miles, work on Heart Disease, containing marvelous testimonials, free.

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Just received, a fine assortment of carpets fresh from the looms, no old stock, and will be sold at lowest prices, at the Furniture and Carpet Store, Smethport, Pa.

—Mr. Carl Sasse has just received a large stock of Wall paper, Ceiling decorations, the which includes all the latest designs and styles for the present season he is all satisfied to be that the stock is the finest in this section, that he invites all who intend decorating their homes to call at the store of Specht & Sasse and examine this stock before purchasing elsewhere. To those for whom he does the work of hanging and decorating he makes it an inducement by selling the paper at factory prices and at the same time does the work as low as any first-class workman. Messrs Sasse and L. Koenig, are both first-class workmen and guarantee satisfaction every time.

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—A Ohio widow had her dead goodie embalmed and set up for a parlor ornament.

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Items of Interest, Gathered from Various Sources by the Man With the Shears.

—For fine tobacco, cigars, etc., go to Emil Thamm's. Fine stock and low prices.

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—Smokers' articles of every description at Emil Thamm's.

—Six cases of Chinese leprosy have been discovered in Ottawa, Canada.

Rheumatism is quickly cured by using Arnica & Oil Liniment. For sale by H. L. McCoy and A. B. Armstrong.

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—Families, jobbers and every body can be supplied with fresh and salt meats promptly upon application at Stull's, East Smethport, Pa.

—Foreign steamship lines are angry at having to return objectionable emigrants.

—Farmers and farmers' sons who have a horse and rig at their disposal, and who are looking for profitable employment may secure positions worth from thirty to sixty dollars a week by addressing A. J. Potter, 3 East 14th St., New York.

—Cortland county creamery butter can be found at J. H. Stull's meat market, East Smethport, Pa.

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When you are troubled with dizziness, your appetite all gone, and you feel bad generally take a few doses of Dr. Henry Baxter's Mandrake Bitters, and will be surprised at the improvement in your feelings. Every bottle warranted to give satisfaction For sale by H. L. McCoy and A. B Armstrong.

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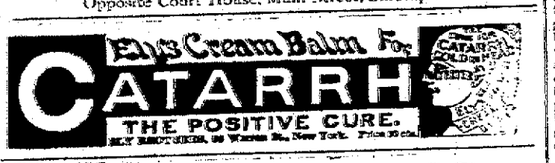

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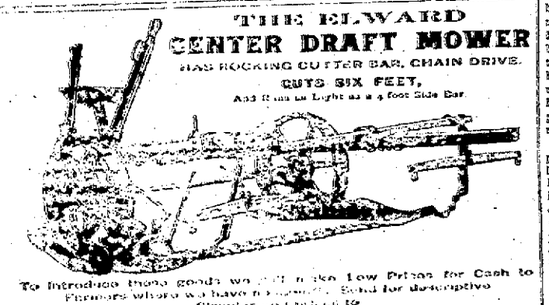

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FARM, FIELD, GARDEN.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS IN LIFE ON THE FARM.

How and When to Plant the Corn Crop. Points in Its Cultivation, Along with Opinions Expressed by Southern Cultivator on Broadcast versus Drill Manuring.

It has long been a tradition that corn ought to be planted very early. Our own experience, says Southern Cultivator, favors a medium between extremes. Plant when the date arrives which past experience tells you is the best time in the long run, and when the ground is not too wet to plow, whether the air be cold or warm. Select when possible, without too long repetition of the same crop, the moist, low lying loamy soils—the creek or river bottoms and fresh virgin soils for corn. It is a crop that "must make or break" in four or five months.

It must gather its supply of food in a short time. It has to pass through the critical period of tasseling and silking in the course of a few days and all in a set time in its life development. Hence it is important that corn should be given a moist or moisture retaining soil, and conditions favorable to withstanding a drought at the critical period.

Thorough preparation of the soil by deep breaking and shallow turning are indispensable conditions, and liberal manuring very desirable always. Then plant in the soil, not under it, or in the cold, wet subsoil. We prefer to break the land, either at the beginning of the plowing season or as a preparation just before planting, into beds, plowing out water furrow well and keeping it open as a drain; but plant in a deep furrow drawn along the middle of the bed. It is the care of many to provide, by proper preparation and planting, against possible drought and wet in the later stages of growth and without much regard to the early wants of the young plant.

It is very well to anticipate the conditions that may prevail at silking time; but this should not be done at the expense of the young plant. Give the seed a warm, dry bed in which to germinate; place rich, mellow soil in immediate contact with it; add at least a moderate supply of soluble and stimulating fertilizer within easy reach of the tiny rootlets. Then begin cultivating within a reasonable time and repeat promptly at least every two weeks, adding more plant food during the earlier stages—say the first half of the period of growth.

Broadcast manuring is doubtless advisable when a very large amount is to be applied, but not otherwise. Our observation is that drill manuring gives prompter and best results, not necessarily all in the planting furrow, or even all at one time. Part may be applied with the seed, if thoroughly decomposed, in contact with it and along the planting furrow, the balance in the siding furrows, or the previous listing furrows.

How to Kill and Pluck Poultry.

There are various modes of killing poultry, all of which are effectual in practiced hands. One is to sever the spine, which causes death quickly, by giving the bird a very sharp blow with a small but heavy stick behind the neck about the second joint from the head. A second mode is to clasp the bird's head in the hand and swing the body round by it. This process, like the first, kills by parting the spine. The simpler method of chopping off the head is familiar to all. A plan largely practiced by progressive poultrymen, and perhaps the most merciful of all, is hanging the bird up by the legs and thrusting a long, narrow and sharp pointed knife, like a long penknife, which is made for the purpose, through the back part of the roof of the mouth up into the brain.

What is known to the markets as "dry picked" poultry as a rule commands the highest prices. Much of the poultry, however, is scalded previous to plucking in the usual plan is to dip the fowl three times in boiling water, holding it by the head and legs, as the hot water would turn color of comb and shrink the eyes, causing a sickly appearance. After scalding, the feathers should be immediately removed and the poultry "plumped" by holding ten seconds in hot water, nearly boiling; then put directly in cold water about the same length of time.

Cross Bred Poultry for Market.

The advantages of a good cross in the breeding of poultry may not be understood by many, particularly when some special object is to be gained. However much the different pure breeds are praised and recommended for their good qualities it is a fact that no one kind as yet combines them all, and persons wishing to raise chickens for market purposes can certainly do better with a first cross of those coming nearest what is wanted than with any pure breed as now used, unless they are intending to combine the sale of fancy stock with their market business. I have found that in dressing young cockerels, as I do from very early spring, when they are fit only for broilers, till Christmas time, a much better formed bird can be obtained by crossing a brown Leghorn cockerel on a light Brahma hen than by using either or any other breed pure.

No matter what care may be taken in the mating, the small breeds will always be too small, and the larger ones will be too long and thin and slow to develop the wide back and thick breast so much desired, while the cross mentioned makes this in every case, and the cockerels are always ready for market, being short, plump and yellow. The pullet, too, is handsome, of an even, bird color and a great layer of dark brown large eggs. Another important advantage to be derived from this cross is the certainty of the good health and thrift of the progeny.—American Agriculturist.

Protect Your Health.

Cold and moisture combined have a torporizing effect upon the bodily organs, and the digestive and secretive processes are apt to be more tardily performed in winter than in the fall. The same is true, also, of the excretory functions. The bowels are often sluggish, and the pores of the skin throw off little waste matter at this season. The system therefore, requires opening up a little, and also purifying and regulating, and the safest and surest and most thorough tonic and alterative that can be used to these purposes is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Persons who wish to escape the rheumatic twinges, the dyspeptic agonies, the painful disturbances of the bowels, the bilious attacks, and the nervous prostration, so common at this time of the year, will do well reinforce their system with this renowned vegetable stomachic and invigorant. It improves the appetite, strengthens the stomach, cheers the spirits, and renovates the whole physique.

Make a Note of This.

Send your address and two cent stamp to John R. Pott, district passenger agent, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, Williamsport, Pa., and you will receive one of their new vest pocket memorandums for 1880. The St. Paul now owns and operates over six thousand miles of the best equipped road in America. It is the short line between Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis, and Chicago, Council Bluffs and Omaha. Rates through Pullman sleeping cars between Chicago and Portland, Oregon, via St. Paul, Butte, Spokane Falls and Tacoma. The National route between Chicago and Kansas City. If you contemplate a trip to the northwest, southwest or far west, write to John R. Pott for rates, maps etc. He will furnish all information free.

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Agent for Edgerton's Celebrated Hood Spring, a spring to cure by contracted feet. A reward of $500 will be paid for any case of contracted that cannot be cured by the use of this contrivance.

CLOVER AND GRASS LAND.

Spring Treatment for the Improvement of Meadows and Pastures.

Clover fails to "catch," for a number of reasons; the soil may be poor or the seed inferior, sown too late, the ground too rough, not harrowed nor rolled, the cut or wheat crop gets the start and chokes it out, the plants are fed too closely or the frost may have killed them. In case of partial winter killing, much may be done to redeem a meadow by harrowing, reseeding in places, and top dressing with some sort of manure. Young clover is generally greatly benefited by even a slight dusting with gypsum.

Clover and grass land to be mown for hay will be vastly improved if run over with a brush harrow, after an application of land plaster or gypsum has been made, this to be followed by the roller. Scarcely an acre of clover or grass is mowed in England which has not been harrowed over in the spring with a brush or chain harrow, and from which the stones and trash have not been gathered and the land subsequently rolled. Grass should not be pastured very early in the spring before the ground settles and the sod becomes firm. Early pastoring keeps the tops cut off closely and the roots are injured thereby. The roots depend as much on the leaves as the leaves and stems do upon the roots.

While sowing clover and the grasses on a grain crop is still largely practiced, it is conceded that the clover and grasses thrive better when sown without the grain. In many sections the seeding is postponed until the spring rains have set in. Southern Planter advises in such cases before sowing these seeds on wheat or winter oats to harrow the field so as to break the crust formed by the winter rains. The seeds thus obtain a better seed bed and the wheat and oats are also stimulated to more vigorous growth. It also largely prevents the small clover and grass seeds from being washed away by heavy rains. After sowing the seeds may be sufficiently covered by a bush harrow or by rolling.

Honey for Market.

A paper that attracted attention and discussion from both honey producers and commission men at the convention of the New York state bee keepers was the one read by Henry Segelken, entitled "Shipping and Grading Honey." In this, for one pound sections, was recommended the single tier crate, holding twenty-four or twenty-five sections. The proportion of comb honey to be glassed and put in paper boxes. Mr. Segelken thought, from his experience, ought to be about 50 per cent. glassed, 20 per cent. paper boxes and 20 per cent. unglassed. He said: "It is certainly more profitable to glass the honey than to ship it unglassed or in paper boxes. The producer receives the price of honey for every ounce of glass; besides, glassed honey will bring better prices than unglassed, as I as good a price as paper boxes. The reason why glass honey has the preference seems to be that the retailer can take every comb from the crate and make a handsome display of it. This, of course, can also be done with the paper boxes, but the glass will show up every comb. The dust cannot settle on the honey, and the glass will prevent curious and inquisitive customers from sticking their fingers in the comb."

In considering the kind of sections to be used for glassed and unglassed honey Mr. Segelken says: "It does not matter whether nailed, dovetailed or one piece sections are used for the unglassed or paper boxes. For glassed honey we prefer the nailed or dovetailed section, as the one piece section does not seem to be strong enough to be glassed. Some producers still fasten the glass to the sections with small tin tags; others with small wire nails; and, again, others will glue them. Any one of the methods will answer the purpose if properly done. If glued a glue should be used which will stick and hold the glass to the section."

As the market demands light weights in either honey glassed, unglassed or in paper boxes, the proper weight of sections is a matter of importance. His advice was to have the sections weigh not over one pound each, and less if practicable. He recommended producers to cut down the section in width and adopt a narrow one, say 4½ by 4½ by 1½ or even 1¼; so, when glassed, the section will not weigh over fourteen to sixteen ounces.

Save the Wood Ashes.

In any section of the country where wood is used for fuel, it will pay farmers well to save the ashes for making soap. The value of ashes has now become so well known that there are but few persons so wasteful as to throw them away. Persons who do not want them for soap should by all means send them as fertilizers. In addition to their value for making domestic soap they are worth a good deal to spread on the land after the potash has been extracted. They are especially valuable for orchards and mellow clayey soils. Where they are wanted for lye a cheap leach is easily constructed, or the ashes may be put into loose barrels or old casks placed on an inclined platform so that the lye will drain off into a receiver. The ashes should be kept dry until the lye is wanted. The soap made from hardwood ashes will be found much superior to that made from the alkalies bought at the shops.

Here and There.

It is claimed that sheep furnish the most profitable live stock industry in North Dakota.

Sheep are now considered the best stock for Michigan farmers. The mutton breeds are popular.

The proportion of cotton lint to seed is reported at 28 to 30 per cent., the best results being in the Atlantic states, in Louisiana and in Texas.

There are at present thirty cotton mills in operation in South Carolina, with an aggregate crushing capacity of about 1,000 tons of seed in twenty-four hours.

The cost of a quart of milk at the New Hampshire station averaged for the herd 2.74 cents. The best cow on good feed made milk for 1.52; milk for the poorest cow on the same food cost 4.00.

THE ENEMY IS AMONGST.

Every one knows that this season of the year disease lies in ambush, ever ready to pounce and prey upon the weak. And any fair minded physician will tell you that the only safeguard lies in keeping the system thoroughly toned up. Try one that the only safeguard lies in keeping the system thoroughly toned up. Try one that the only safeguard lies in keeping the system thoroughly toned up. Try one